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## Long Beach Man Sentenced for Sexual Assault of Intoxicated Woman

A 53-year-old man was sentenced today to nine years in state prison for sexually assaulting an intoxicated woman, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sherry Powell said Steven Michael DeSisto was found guilty on Dec. 18 of two felony counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object where the victim was intoxicated, and one misdemeanor count each of possession of a controlled substance and unauthorized invasion of privacy in case NA098017.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mark Kim of the Long Beach Branch also ordered that DeSisto be required to register as a sex offender for life.

DeSisto had drinks with the female victim on Aug. 7, 2013. After the woman became intoxicated, the defendant took her to his Long Beach apartment, according to court testimony.

The woman passed out at DeSisto's home and awoke as he sexually assaulted her, the prosecutor said. The victim left the home and notified police about the assault.

According to evidence presented at trial, DeSisto had taken cellphone pictures of the victim during the sexual assault. During the investigation, police also discovered cocaine at the defendant's apartment.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.